Applications for erection of Churches.

94. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*); Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications received for erecting churches during the past four years, the number rejected and the reasons therefor?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

Number received 241.
Number rejected 96.

The reasons for rejection are:—Mistake in survey numbers, defect in title over the sites, proximity to other places of public worship, objection from other neighbouring church owners, fear of breach of the peace, likely disturbance due to processions passing by, withdrawal of applications, etc.

(The answer was read also in Malayalam.)

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: സർവെനമ്പർ പിശകായതുനിമിത്തം എത്ര അപേക്ഷകൾ തള്ളി.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: ഓരോ കാരണംകൊണ്ടു എത്രയെണ്ണം തള്ളപ്പെട്ടു എന്നുള്ള വിവരം വശത്തിയിട്ടില്ല, അതു പ്രത്യേകം നോക്കിവേണം പറയുവാൻ.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: അയൽപള്ളിയുടെ വിരോധം കൊണ്ടു എത്രഎണ്ണം നിരസിച്ചു?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: ഞാൻ മുമ്പു പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ഓരോ തടസ്സംകൊണ്ടും നിരസിച്ചുതെന്നയാണെന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether inconvenience is caused to the public on account of the opening of cemeteries by these churches? May I know whether that question is also taken into consideration by Government in granting the applications for erection of churches?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: If so, may I know from the member whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Full Bench Ruling in Crl. C. No. 28/1108?

Rao Sahib Dr N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: If so, may I know the further changes that Government intend to make in the rules?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is under consideration.

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